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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Communication, CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On Thursday, June 26, 2003, Frank DiRico and Larry Aisenbrey of N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc. ("NECC") and undersigned counsel met with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, to discuss several issues affecting the company.

NECC discussed the need for the Commission to approve service area redefinition petitions filed by the Colorado PUC pursuant to Section 54.207(c) of the FCC's rules.

NECC also discussed mechanisms to control growth of the high-cost fund while continuing to provide support to competitive ETCs on a competitively neutral basis.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Daniel Gonzalez, Esq.